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Applicants: Suzanne Cory, et al.

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For: NOVEL MAMMALIAN GENE,
BCL-W, BELONGS TO THE
BCL-2 FAMILY OF APOPTOSIS-
CONTROLLING GENES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143

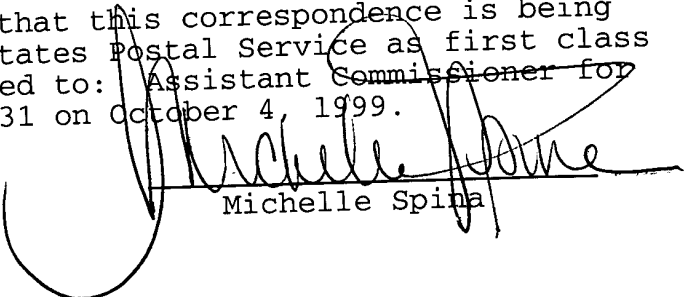
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 1999, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-5, directed to an isolated nucleic acid molecule.

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